A.—(*a*) The objects were—
(i) to produce a buffalo which will give a bigger milk yield;
(ii) to produce a working buffalo bull of slightly larger size than the present country buffalo; and
(iii) to see, if by judicious feeding, care and attention from birth, it is possible to bring these animals to maturity more quickly, to increase their milk yield, and induce them to breed regularly. If success is met with along these lines, breeding bulls can be produced both for sale in the district and for placing at stud at various agricultural stations.

(*b*) Over five years.
(*c*) Nine bulls.
(*d*) None, as there was no demand.

Fisheries

Lectures delivered by Captain Cribb at Calicut.

* 1642 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Captain Cribb, the officer in charge of the trawler, came all the way to Calicut from Bombay to deliver a course of lectures to the students of the Fisheries Training Institute, Calicut, in October or November 1928;

(*b*) what is the amount of travelling allowance drawn by this officer on this occasion;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that the students of the Fisheries Training Institute are not sufficiently educated to follow the lectures of Captain Cribb in English; and

(*d*) whether the lectures delivered by Captain Cribb had to be translated into Malayalam for the benefit of the students?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Captain Cribb did not come to Calicut specially to deliver lectures. That officer's presence in Calicut in connexion with other work was taken advantage of and with the permission of the Director, he delivered some lectures on the subject of navigation.

(*c*) The students of the Fisheries Training Institute know English as their minimum educational qualification is a pass in the third form or VIII standard.

(*d*) No.

Industries

Working of the Madras Ink Factory.

* 1643 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total capital spent on the Ink Factory, Madras;

(*b*) the number of tenders received;

(*c*) the highest offer made and by whom;

(*d*) whether the offer has been accepted;